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TAGS:- MOPS, PINS, CG

SUBJECT: E;ACUATION OF AMCITS

1. WIRE SERVICES ARE NATURALLY FILLED WITH HUMAN INTEREST
STORIES BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH EVACUEES OR OTHERS. STF
PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN UPI WIRE STORY, DATELINED KOL-
WEZI MAY 20, BYLINE ERIK VAN EES, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS
QUOTE:

ONE UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN FAMILY REPORTEDLY FLED
THEIR HOME AND DROVE AT HIGH SPEED OUT OF KOLWEZI TOWARD
THE ZAMBIA BORDER, OUTSTRIPPING REBEL UNITS. HOWEVER, THE
REBELS SAW THEM AND GAVE CHASE.

JUST AS THEY APPROACHED THE ZAMBIAN BORDER, THEY CAME
TO A HEAVILY MANNED ROADBLOCK. AS THE REBELS CLOSED IN
FROM THE REAR, A HELICOPTER APPEARED OVERHEAD FROM THE
DIRECTION OF ZAMBIA AND PLUCKED THE FAMILY TO SAFETY.

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2. STF UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THIS UNNAMED AMERICAN COUPLE.
COULD THEY BE RICHARD BLACK AND TRAVELING COMPANION ?
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO ADDRESSEE POSTS CAN PROVIDE.
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